

# connecting tempe

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015

THROUGH  
PEOPLE,  
PARKS &  
PROGRAMS

## HONOR THE FALLEN AT HEALING FIELD

### Healing Field

Freedom Concert

Memorial Ceremony

Candlelight Vigil

Blood Drive

5 a.m.–11 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10 – Sunday, Sept. 13

6:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 10

5:46 a.m. Friday, Sept. 11

7 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11.

10 a.m.–4 p.m. Friday, Sept. 11 – Sunday, Sept. 13

Fourteen years ago this Sept. 11, in New York City, Pennsylvania and at the Pentagon, a typical Tuesday morning quickly became a national nightmare. A “faceless coward” attacked the United States, taking as its victims nearly 3,000 civilians, military members and first responders.

In memory of those who perished, the [Exchange Club of Tempe](#) and the City of Tempe will present the twelfth annual Healing Field Thursday, Sept. 10 through Sunday, Sept. 13 at [Tempe Beach Park](#), Mill Ave. and Rio Salado Parkway.

Healing Field is the nation’s longest, consecutive-running Sept. 11, 2001 tribute event, where one American flag is flown for every victim who died as a result of the terrorist attacks on our nation. The public is invited to join neighbors, community leaders and public safety officers in a walk of remembrance through the flags.

A memorial ceremony featuring presentation of colors, music, prayer and the reading of the names of the first responders who gave their lives, will be held Friday, Sept. 11, at 5:46 a.m. — the same time that the first plane struck the World Trade Center. Later that evening, a candlelight vigil with music, prayer and guest speakers will occur at 7 p.m.



In addition to the ceremonies on Friday, a community Freedom Concert will be held Thursday, Sept. 10 at 6:30 p.m. It will feature American trumpeter Jesse McGuire, a cappella group MC6, Tempe High School Band and Tempe Middle School Choirs from Connolly, Fees and Gililand.

The American Red Cross will host blood drives at Tempe Beach Park from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 11–13. To make an appointment, visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). Walk-in donors are welcome.

To see a special Tempe 11 segment on Healing Field, visit [Tempe 11's YouTube channel](#). For more information, visit [Tempe.gov/HealingField](http://Tempe.gov/HealingField).



# TEMPE HAS YOUR YOUNG ATHLETES COVERED

The City of Tempe is gearing-up for fall 2015 — which means the return of all [Youth Sports](#) programs is just around the corner!

Your little mover and shaker can be a part of our incredible team leagues and

individual sports including Youth Hoops, Flag Football, Lady Hawks softball and Junior Golf. Tempe offers classes for young athletes ages 5 and older.

Registration is currently available for all Youth Sports programs, and most

leagues begin in late September. To discover your child's new favorite activity, visit [Tempe.gov/Brochure](http://Tempe.gov/Brochure).



## WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE AT FREE ART FRIDAY

Adventure over to the [Edna Vihel Activities Center](#) from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 18 for the monthly Free Art Friday event where you and your kids can embark on a quest through life in the *Jungle*! This free, family-friendly interactive art series gives participants the opportunity to create art, learn about music and movement and have a great time!

Each month has a different theme and featured art projects – this month's theme will be reflected through fun crafts, such as making a snake, safari visors, rain-stick shakers and leaf books. Young explorers will also be able to go on an engaging and exciting scavenger hunt!

Registration is not required for these free, family-friendly activities. For a list of more fun-filled events happening in Tempe, visit our [Family Fun](#) page.



## WATER + SAFETY = FUN

It's time for fall swim lessons and we've got lots of quality opportunities available at [Kiwaniis Recreation Center](#). Classes serve all ages and abilities, and meet for 30 minutes 1–2 times per week.

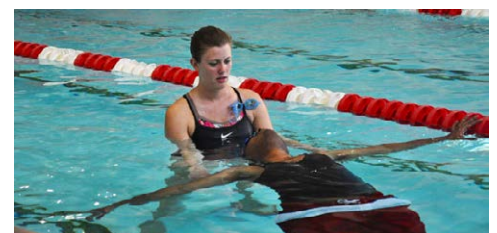
Tiny swimmers with little or no experience will get an introduction to the water and safety skills in one of our three Parent-Assisted Lessons for ages 8 months to 4 years. For young ones ready to glide independently, our Preschool-Age Lessons for ages 3 to 6 years offer progressive stages that start with water adjustment, breathing

control and floating, and work their way up to treading water and more. Swimmers ages 6 to 14 years with little or no experience will learn the basics of water safety and technique, while students already familiar with the water will enhance and build upon their swim knowledge and skills.

Adults 15 years and older are invited to test out the water in our Adult Swim Lessons or Water Fitness Classes. Sessions are available for those with beginning or intermediate skills, as well as those looking to improve their

stroke or find a new way to exercise.

Find the Aquatics program that best suits your family by viewing the [Tempe Opportunities brochure](#), by contacting the Kiwanis Recreation Center at 480-350-5201.







Kids Swim **FREE**  
at Kiwanis this Fall

## KIDS SWIM FREE AT THE KIWANIS RECREATION CENTER

With cooler weather on its way and most pools already closed for the season, the [Kiwanis Recreation Center](#) is giving kids the chance to enjoy the heated, calm waters of their indoor wave pool for free this fall!

Beginning Monday, Sept. 14, Kids Swim Free from 11:30 a.m.–1:30 p.m., Monday–Thursday through Dec. 3. The promotion allows two children, 7 and under, free admission to the pool with each paid adult admission. Adults 13 and older can swim to their heart's delight for \$4, and additional children ages 2–12 can splash the time away for just \$3.

For more information, visit [Tempe.gov/Kiwanis](http://Tempe.gov/Kiwanis) or call 480-350-5201.

## CREATE YOUR OWN COSPLAY COSTUME



Teens and adults are invited to join the *Cosplay Club* at the [Tempe Public Library](#) to create the amazing Cosplay costumes from 1–4 p.m. on Saturdays in September. Bring in your fabric, jewels and use our sewing machines to craft your unique design. Assistants will be available to help you. You do not have to register for these free sessions.

Not sure where to begin? Join us for *The Craft of Costume Design* from 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 19, Oct. 10 and Nov. 7. The workshop series focuses on different aspects of costume design. The workshops are free, but

registration is required at [tempe.gov/brochure](http://tempe.gov/brochure).

Once your costume is finished, be part of our Library Comicon on January 23, 2016!



## KIDS NIGHT OUT

Hey kids, why not give your parents the night off and join us for the debut of *Kids Night Out!* Children ages 4 to 10 years will enjoy an evening of games, sports, dance, arts & crafts, karaoke and more! This month's event will be held from 6–8:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 18 at the [Edna Vihel Activities Center](#). The theme will be Superheroes.

The registration fee is \$20 per child, per event. Light refreshments will be served. Space is limited, so sign up early at [Tempe.gov/FamilyFun](http://Tempe.gov/FamilyFun). Be sure to save the dates of the remaining fall Kids Nights Out! Events which will be held on Fri., Oct. 16; Fri., Nov. 20 and Fri., Dec. 18.



For children ages 4 – 10

**An evening of fun!**

Sports, games, dance, arts & crafts, karaoke and more!



# LIGHT UP THE NIGHT ON TEMPE TOWN LAKE

An evening paddle on Tempe Town Lake is an amazing experience on its own, but add glow-in-the-dark accessories and you've just elevated your adventure to what we call "glow paddle status".

Whether you've joined us for the wildest and brightest paddle on the lake before, or are looking to try a new adventure, Tempe wants to help you get your glow-on from 7-9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11 or from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 9 at [SRP Town Lake Marina](#), 550 E. Tempe Town Lake.

In addition to all the necessary kayaking equipment, we will provide you with glow-in-the-dark accessories to wear while paddling. You're also welcome to sport your own glow-in-the-dark clothing items or accessories that you don't mind getting wet.

No experience is necessary to take part in the Glow Paddle event, though youth ages 10-17 must be accompanied by an adult. Adults 18 and older are \$35 and youth ages 10-17 years are \$20. Register at [Tempe.gov/Brochure](#). For information on additional Boating activities, visit [Tempe.gov/Boating](#).

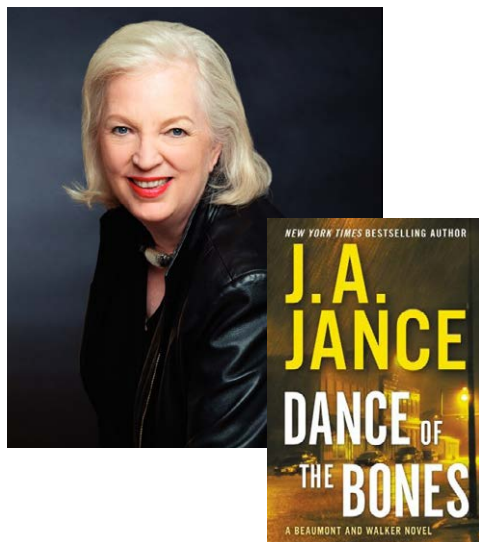


## J.A. JANCE THRILLS TEMPE

Don't miss New York Times' bestselling mystery author J.A. Jance discuss her new thriller, *Dance of the Bones*, from 1-2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 17 at the [Tempe Public Library](#).

Jance brings together two beloved protagonists, J.P. Beaumont and Brandon Walker, in her most

suspenseful novel yet. Jance will talk about her life, writing career, years on the reservation, the importance of The Circle, and will also answer questions. Books will be available for purchase and signing. The event is free, but registration is required. Please use Class Code 46585 at [tempe.gov/brochure](#).



# STORYTIME RETURNS TO THE STORYBOOK CASTLE

Parents and children of all ages are invited to join us in the Storybook Castle in the [Youth Library](#) this fall to listen to fun stories, sing songs, learn new dances, make crafts and more!

*Baby Storytime* and *Family Storytime* are offered weekly on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings. *Afternoon Storytime* is held from 3:30 - 4 p.m. weekly on Tuesdays.

*Saturday Storytime* is held the last Saturday of the month from 10:30–11 a.m. Families are encouraged to wear their pajamas to *Pajama Storytime* from 6:30 – 7 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month.





To receive up-to-date information about exciting events and opportunities happening between Connecting Tempe newsletters, become a fan of Tempe Opportunities on [Facebook](#).

## SAVE THE DATE

**Thursday, September 10**  
**Healing Field Freedom Concert**

Free; 6:30 p.m.; [Tempe Beach Park](#)

**Friday, September 11**

[Healing Field 9/11 Events](#)

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[Tempe Beach Park](#)

**Friday, September 11**

[Hello Friday](#)

6–8 p.m.; [Tempe Center for the Arts](#)

**Saturday, September 12**

[SAT, ACT, PSAT – Test Changes](#)

11 a.m.–noon; [Tempe Public Library](#) – Meeting Room A

**Saturday, September 12**

[Young Adult Career and Education Fair](#)

2–4 p.m.; [Tempe Public Library](#) – Meeting Room A

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[Free Art Friday](#)

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[Hello Friday](#)

6–8 p.m.; [Tempe Center for the Arts](#)

**Saturday, September 26**

[College Connect Tempe Workshop](#)

10 a.m. - noon; [Tempe Public Library](#) – Meeting Room A & B



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